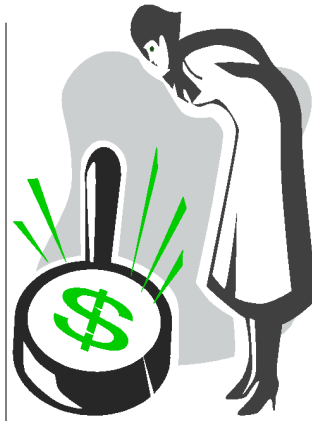


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Coming Soon...
[Online registration](#) for April 2014 regional School-based Medicaid Claiming Seminars

Half-day Regional Seminars for Schools Involved/Interested in Medicaid Claiming

In mid-April 2014 the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will offer, free of charge, a half-day seminar on school-based Medicaid claiming. Thanks to the generosity of three Indiana school corporations, this seminar will be hosted at three different regional locations throughout the state.

The April seminar will include presentations on subjects of interest to Indiana school districts that participate or contemplate participating in one or both types of school-based Medicaid claiming. Topics will include: improving staff responses to IndianaMAC time study questions; recent changes to the Medicaid parental consent rule and forms; requirements for employee education about the False Claims Act; and tips for estimating the amount of Medicaid reimbursements your district or charter can expect to claim. For

schools not yet participating in both, there will also be an overview of Indiana's two types of school-based Medicaid claiming.

Because an **Indiana statute** [IC 12-15-1-16] **requires all Indiana school corporations to enroll as Medicaid providers**, regardless whether or not they elect to participate in claiming, **the seminar will include a walk-through of the Indiana Medicaid Provider Enrollment process**. This presentation will cover completion of enrollment forms and tips on maintaining a current Medicaid provider enrollment record, which is important to avoid missing important notifications from the Indiana Medicaid agency.

Watch <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid> for seminar locations, dates and online registration.

Consent to Bill Medicaid: IN Rule Change

Indiana is in the final stages of promulgating a rule change to align Article 7 (Indiana's Special Education rule at 511 IAC 7-33-4) with a July 2013 federal Part B rule change granting schools and parents relief from a costly and confusing requirement for signed parental consent "each time" the district bills Medicaid for services in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). The change

to Article 7, which should be final before the 2014-2015 school year, will mean that, starting next year, school districts need only obtain signed parental consent to bill Medicaid *once*, after first giving parents prior written notice (and annual notice thereafter) as required by the revised federal Part B regulation at 34 CFR 300.154[d][2][iv], et seq. — (this article continues on Page 2) —

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Did you know?

- February is National School-based Health Awareness Month
- March 18, 2014 is the last day to sign up for April-June IndianaMAC funds recovery participation; contact inmac@pcgus.com
- National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) offers a scholarship to attend its fall conference; see details at www.medicaidforeducation.org
- March 3, 2014 is the deadline to submit [Speaker Proposals for the June 24-25, 2014 Indiana School Health Network conference](#) in Indianapolis

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Indiana's Medicaid Consent Rule Change *(continued from Page 1)*

A Medicaid consent signed prior to the effective date of Indiana's rule change cannot serve as the one-time consent (*following prior written notice to the parent*), which is required under the new rule.

See the January 27, 2014 (14th) edition of the [Medicaid Billing Tool Kit](#) for a sample

prior notice & Medicaid consent form. Click [Laws, Rules & Interpretations](#) on the Office of Special Education Web page to view a sample Notice of Procedural Safeguards that incorporates the new annual notice concerning Medicaid consent.

The Medicaid consent rule change and its impact on local

practices and forms will be one of the topics discussed at the April 2014 regional seminars that IDOE is planning for public schools interested in Medicaid claiming.

Watch the IDOE [School-based Medicaid Web page](#) for seminar dates, regional locations and online registration forms.

Schools & Community Partners Help Meet Students' Needs

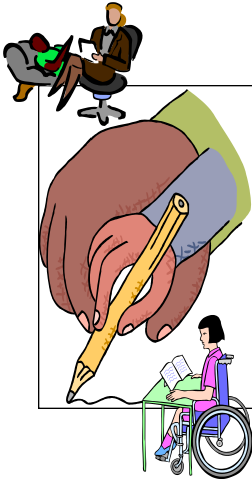
Braiding local, state, federal and private funds is one way that schools and community partners get students college- and career-ready. Such local partnerships can make it possible to share (often scant) resources required to address unmet healthcare needs that impede student progress. From helping their pupils to enroll and retain healthcare coverage to delivering healthcare services on campus, communities are pulling together to help children move beyond health-related obstacles to academic progress.

For example: U.S. DOE's "Integration of Mental Health in Schools" grants allowed Elkhart schools to connect

kids with local Division of Mental Health and Addictions (DMHA)-designated "Systems of Care" providers. Other schools use grants from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), partnerships with nearby Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) and agreements with local managed care plans, private practitioners or outpatient clinics to arrange school-based/school-linked mental health care. In areas where Speech-Language Pathologists are in short supply, some school districts and special education cooperatives set up similar arrangements to share personnel from various clinical settings in their communities.

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act and online health care marketplaces has also brought schools into partnership with organizations that help people "navigate" the electronic enrollment process. Public/private sector partners in the [Noble County Outreach Project](#), which include two Noble County school corporations, are working together to increase health coverage enrollment/retention among children and families in rural northeast Indiana and pair them with permanent medical homes.

Share your successes with [IDOE](#). Then watch the LC *Medicaid in Schools Community* for partnership ideas.



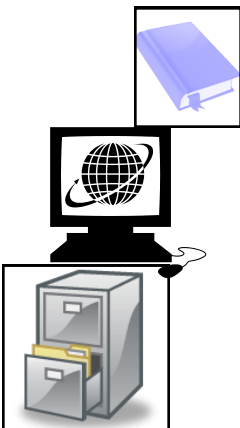
Medicaid in Schools Resources at IDOE Learning Connection

Indiana Medicaid reimbursement rates for commonly billed IEP services; Indiana's new criteria for Medicaid eligibility under the Disabled category; a map of all Indiana Community Mental Health Centers; the Web link to Indiana's "one-stop shop" where anyone can learn about, refer or help eligibles to

enroll in public health coverage and new Marketplace health insurance products (aka the indianahealthcaretoolbox.org).

What do the aforementioned documents, Web link, map and Medicaid bulletins have in common? All are among the helpful resources on Learning Connec-

tion at the Medicaid in Schools Community Files & Bookmarks tab. Check out what's available under folders targeted to aid related services personnel, school nurses, school business officers and school staff who help students who are homeless, pregnant, disabled, uninsured, etc, address their needs.



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) annual conference
Sept 16-19, 2014
Niagara Falls, New York
medicaidforeducation.org

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) national convention
April 9-12, 2014
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
cec.sped.org/convention

Across the Nation

Although his retirement from state government is imminent, **former IDOE Medicaid Liaison John Hill** plans to continue his involvement with school-based Medicaid policy matters at the national level. Effective April 1, 2014, John will be the Executive Director of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME, Inc.). Contact John at John.Hill_for_NAME@yahoo.com.

Indiana, Minnesota and Texas are featured, along with cities in Tennessee, California and Mississippi, in a report about building **healthier communities**. The report, published by Trust for America's Health, highlights public/private sector partnerships in Indiana, such as the state health

department's work with school districts and small businesses to reduce obesity by increasing access to healthy foods and physical activity. Entitled "Healthier Americans for a Healthier Economy," the report is accessible via the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Web site at <https://www.rwjf.org/en/research-publications/find-rwjf-research/2011/10/healthier-americans-for-a-healthier-economy.html>. Learn more about other Indiana healthy community innovations making national news (farm to school programs, **Greater Clark Schools** pedometer project and more): visit the **Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative** at <http://www.inhealthyweight.org>.

